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Clerk, U.S. Dist. Count THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Case No. 3:00-CV-472-MU

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

 $\mathbf{v}$ .

ORDER

WILLIAM J. ROPER, SR., et al.

Defendants

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon motion of defendants to continue the stay of this action through December 2, 2005, to further the good faith settlement discussions of the parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this action is STAYED through and including December 2, 2005. If the action is not settled by that date, defendants shall answer, move or otherwise plead to plaintiff's Complaint on or before December 22, 2005.

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